

No station group should be permitted to mandate that its stations air one-sided political programs only. Reportedly, Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary; this should not be allowed over the public airwaves.

Sinclair is required by law to serve the public interest. Playing only anti-Kerry material is a not in compliance with those requirements.

In my opinion, this is not really a result of consolidation, although I oppose consolidation and believe we need to strengthen media ownership rules. Rather, this is an issue of compliance with stations' license obligations.

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